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COUNCIL APPROVES PLAN CHANGES ON MOTEL-CONVENTION CENTER

by Al Skolnik

The city council at its Monday, Jan. 20, meeting, voted favorably on the changes proposed by the owners of Springhill Lake for development of their property north of the Capital Beltway and west of Kenilworth Ave. The changes involve a C-2 zoning application for a motel-convention center and a C-O zoning application for commercial-office buildings. Both applications were to be considered by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission on Jan. 22.

The changes resulted from the desire of a potential motel developer that the motel be located within view of the Capital Beltway. To accomplish this, the developer proposed to trade some of the area requested for C-O zoning with an equal acreage consisting of most of the area requested for C-2 zoning so as to locate the motel-convention center directly west of the State Roads Commission property and fronting on the Beltway. The 6-acre C-2 parcel was originally located north of the State Roads Commission property along with .8 acres for a gasoline station. The latter would not be moved.

The plans for office development would also be modified to reduce the originally proposed four office buildings containing a total of 400,000 square feet of space to four buildings containing 300,000 square feet of space and to construct a fifth building north of the State Roads Commission property with 100,000-square feet of office space. All the buildings would be high-rise.

The council recommended approval of MNCPPC, provided the plans are approved under "conditional zoning" legislation recently adopted by the county commissioners and that provision is made for the conveyance by the developer of a buffer zone to the city to screen the gasoline station from neighboring property. These provisions were accepted by the developer at an earlier date.

The city's Advisory Planning Board also recommended approval in its Report #85. It suggested that when development plans are submitted, there be shown roads sufficient to serve the motel-convention center and any other development in the general vicinity.

Municipal Warehouse

Council approved the expenditure of \$1,899 for additional contract work to improve the proposed fencing for the new municipal service building. The changes would provide better security and site screening of the maintenance yard. The height of the entire fence would be increased from 6 to 8 feet, a new chain link fence would be placed behind the ornamental wall on the front side of the complex for security purposes, metal strips in a panel weave fashion along that portion of fencing facing Kenilworth Ave. would be added for site screening purposes, and the ornamental brick wall would be extended an additional 15 feet for improved site screening and appearance.

Land Acquisition

The council approved the sugges-

tion of the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board to give a higher priority in the land acquisition schedule to the GHI-owned tract between Laurel Hill and Plateau Pl. lying partly along Ridge Rd. It was originally number 19 and its new priority listing would be number 5. Land with higher priority includes the Furey property (needed for the perimeter road), two acres for parkland on the western end of Greenbelt Lake, and parcels 7 and 8 at the Kenilworth entrance to the city.

Proposed State Legislation

The council took a stand on a number of bills proposed by the Maryland Municipal League. Measures favored included legislation which would (1) permit the formation or merger of municipal corporations without the veto power of the county, (2) exempt municipalities from certain sales taxes, and (3) provide direct and more favorable distribution of the State income tax to municipalities. The council also reiterated its support of legislation which would require a two-thirds vote of the county commissioners to act upon a zoning petition which is contrary to a municipality's recommendation (which must also be based on a two-thirds vote).

Elderly Tax Credits

Introduced for first reading was a proposal to enable the city to grant tax credits to elderly homeowners of GHI, even though they were not able to file the evidence of county approval of eligibility for tax credit in accordance with time requirements of the city's ordinance.

Other Matters

Council gave a go-ahead to city manager James Giese to develop a program for making awards, monetary and other, to city employees and citizens for outstanding performance.

The city's Center Mall improvement program suffered a setback when no bids were received for performing paving and lighting work. Bids have been received for the landscaping work.

Bishop Sewing Classes

Bishop Method of Clothing Construction classes, sponsored by Prince Georges County Board of Education, are scheduled for Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt.

Registration is 9 to 12 a.m. Monday Jan. 27 or register at the first class session. First sessions are: Basic Bishop, Jan. 30, 9 - 12 a.m.; Dressmaking I, Jan. 29, 9-12 a.m.; accessories, Jan. 29, 12:15-3:15.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Jan. 23, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place
Fri., Jan. 24, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room.
Tues., Jan. 28, 8 p.m. Special Council Meeting on Southway Improvements.
Wed., Jan. 29, 1 p.m. Golden Age Club Meeting, Youth Center.

City Notes

This hardly feels like the tennis season—but if there is to be a tennis season this year at the municipal courts, well, what the Public Works crew has been doing is indispensable. Last week they installed posts for the center fence to divide the two sets of courts. This week they are working on installing fence posts across the two ends of the court area.

Another spring sport has been receiving advanced attention too, as the crew has been spreading fill dirt and grading the softball field in Braden Field. They are hoping to raise its level so that excess water will drain away and leave a dry playing field.

A new International Scout vehicle was received this week by the city. Equipped with a snow plow, it increases the city's resources against winter weather.

PG Commissioners Adopt New Conditional Zoning Ordinance

The Prince Georges County Commissioners on Jan. 14 unanimously adopted a new ordinance to effect "conditional zoning," which has been the subject of much controversy at public hearings in recent weeks. The measure went into effect immediately and includes all applications for rezoning previously scheduled for public hearing where the record has not yet been closed.

Commission Chairman Francis J. Aluisi described the measure "as designed to give the Board the control it now lacks to make certain that new development is constructed in accord with plans as approved by this Board—something we have needed for a long time and something we are going to need more in the future to ensure our efforts in upgrading development in this fast growing area."

The ordinance gives the commissioners authority to impose specific conditions such as special screenings, setbacks, or access roads when granting applications, as well as overseeing construction after zoning has been granted. The measure permits conditions to be set when "necessary either to protect surrounding properties from adverse effects" of rezonings or to "further enhance the coordinated, harmonious, and systematic development" of the county.

The measure has been attacked by opponents as providing "window-dressing" for bad zoning decisions and encouraging "piece-meal rezoning."

But commissioner Gladys Spellman noted that the new ordinance insures development as specifically approved by the Board, whereas the previous ordinance allowed the commissioners authority to grant re-zoning only in broad categories. She said, "we want to make this so tough that when they come in here with plans, they'll have to stick to them."

She and her colleagues claimed that the inclusion of a stipulation in the new ordinance prohibiting the commissioners from lessening the requirements specifically set forth in applicable zoning classifi-

SHL Polling Place Tabled Despite Audience Appeals

by Elaine and Al Skolnik

A divided city council Monday night voted to table until June a motion to establish two new polling places for city elections — one at Springhill Lake and one at North End. At present, city voting takes place at one central location — the municipal offices. Voting to table were Mayor Edgar Smith and Councilmen William Hoff and Richard Pilski. Against tabling were councilmen Gerald Gough, who made the motion for the polling places, and Francis White. A crowd of over 50 persons, not one of whom testified against a polling place for Springhill Lake, heard the decision with dismay.

Practically all the councilmen acknowledged that a Springhill Lake polling place was inevitable, but it was apparent from the discussion that preceded the vote that a number of factors influenced the council to delay action.

One factor expressed by Hoff was a desire that consideration be given to other polling places as well as to Springhill Lake. He wanted a study in depth to determine the need for such polling places, the proper size, and the effect on administrative procedures and costs. He saw no harm in a delay since the next city election was not until September 1969.

Proponents of the measure argued that the Springhill Lake request should be considered on its own merits. Elizabeth Allen didn't see "how giving Springhill Lake a polling place could affect any other part of town."

Another factor expressed by Pilski was uncertainty as to whether the registration in Springhill Lake was high enough at this time to justify a separate polling place. He expressed interest in establishing some criteria (in terms of number of registered voters) to determine when a voting precinct should be subdivided. White, however, said that "no magic number can be equated to interest, and we see an interest which is show-

ing beyond the numbers coming to these meetings." Springhill Lake at present has about 500 registrants out of a total city registration of 2,130.

Registration Set

In response to Pilski's views, council later set Saturday, March 15, as the date for a special city registration to be held concurrently in all three areas — Springhill Lake, North End, and Center School. Presumably the registration count will influence council in its June decision.

A third factor was council resentment at the tactics applied by some of the supporters of a Springhill Lake polling place. This was termed "pressure" by Hoff and Pilski but White said he would prefer to call it "interest" and George Beauchamp suggested from the floor the term "exuberance." The latter said "it is an exciting thing when citizens, especially in an apartment area, get interested."

City Criticized

A final factor was a last-minute heated exchange of words between council and Michael Gendel, president of the Springhill Lake Republican Club. Gendel had delivered a prepared statement at the Jan. 6 meeting critical of the city clerk and city registration procedures implying that the records were not available to the public.

The council felt that the statement was unfair and contained untruths. Pilski took special exception to the language used in one statement which said: "Any local government which tolerates a registrar who apparently considers registration books as a personal collection of autographs is prostituting the very values it is supposed to uphold." Gough asked Gendel for a public apology.

Gendel, instead, lashed out at council for the statement against him issued by city manager James Giese and printed in the News Review of Jan. 9. He characterized it as a "flogging" of a private citizen. He acknowledged that the language he used was "vague and broad", but its purpose he said was to make people aware of problems that had been encountered in getting voting information.

Giese Replies

Giese explained that it was he, not council, who issued the statement and he did it because an employee under his supervision had been unfairly criticized. One Springhill Lake resident rose to say that he felt Gendel's statements were "in bad taste" and that he thought most of the audience agreed with him. There was applause.

Smith summed up his reaction by saying that he was in favor of the polling place, but he "would not vote for it this evening."

Earlier in the evening council heard from a host of persons who endorsed the idea of a separate polling place. Reiterated were the points made at the Jan. 6 meeting — that not only distance but highways made it difficult for Springhill Lake residents to vote at the municipal offices and that a separate polling place would encourage civic participation by apartment dwellers and would help Springhill Lakers to identify themselves as Greenbelters.

Giese said that the costs of having additional polling places would be minimal and should not be a consideration. He thought there would be some administrative burdens such as revising the registration books to separate out the various districts. He also noted the high turnover in apartments and suggested a trial period to see the effects of a local polling place on voting.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a Special Meeting of City Council on Tuesday, January 28, 1969 at 8:00 p.m. at the City Offices for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the Proposed Southway Road Improvements and to obtain citizens' views. A copy of preliminary plans for this improvement may be seen at the City Offices.

Nita P. Maschauer
City Clerk

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An Unfortunate Decision

We regret that the majority of city council on Monday night allowed itself to be maneuvered into a position of postponing action on the establishment of a separate city polling place for Springhill Lake. It would appear from the sentiments expressed at two council meetings that a majority of Greenbelters, both in and out of Springhill Lake, feel that such a polling place is justified by the physical isolation of Springhill Lake and by the growing interest and participation of that community in city affairs.

The fact that one supporter of the Springhill Lake polling place used language that was intemperate in criticizing council or the fact that other supporters have subjected council to a "pressure" campaign is immaterial to the major issue. For certain councilmen to allow their pique at such antics to interfere with their making a decision on a basic public issue is not what one would expect of responsible public officials.

The Democratic Process?

To the Editor:

The citizens of Springhill Lake have been given a scape-goat. I hope they enjoy him quickly and thoroughly, so they can take the time to realize what has really happened.

The substance of Mike Gendel's attack was true, however ill-timed and ill-chosen his words may have been, and it is this truth that has been completely ignored. City council's issue with him had absolutely no connection with the question before them. "Does Springhill Lake deserve a polling place or not?" That and ONLY that, was the issue. Three members of city council answered: NO, not now. All of Springhill Lake's citizens are to be punished because one member of Springhill Lake has dared to voice a complaint against the administration of the city's voting facilities.

The Springhill Lake residents left the council chamber very angry with the scape-goat. Perhaps, after they have had time to reflect, they will turn their anger where it truly belongs - on the three judges who ruled all Springhill Lake citizens would be punished for the so-called crime committed by one resident. Is this the democratic process in action?

Incidentally, I don't see how our City Fathers can use this letter for further retaliation, as I am a resident of GHI.

Cathy Foster

Volunteer Program
At Center School

by L. Brigham, P. Demas

The principal and staff of Greenbelt Center School, enthusiastic about community involvement in the school, have invited parents and other interested Greenbelters to participate in the volunteer program.

In essence, the program is aimed towards having parents assist the teachers in meaningful ways. This then allows the teacher the opportunity to participate in workshops, planning programs, and, more basically, gives her time to give individual attention where needed.

One group works with the teacher in the classrooms, perhaps listening to a group of children read, and helping with special projects. Another group fills in for teachers attending county-sponsored activities aimed at giving them new techniques and skills.

Special visits by parents whose occupations or hobbies supplement the classroom discussion are an exciting part of the program. Recently, Dr. Palmer, father of a kindergarten student, held an assembly on dental hygiene. Library assistants, health room monitors and teacher clerks add to the diversified activities.

Anyone interested in joining this action committee can contact Mrs. Linda Brigham, 474-8651 or Mrs. Phyllis Demas, 474-1187.

Much Ado About Nothing?

To the Editor.

No doubt some persons will make much ado about city council's not having designated a polling place for Spring Hill Lake at its meeting Monday, January 20. I suggest that the "ado" will bear little relationship to its ostensible cause.

Let me make it clear that I supported the petition for a polling place in Spring Hill Lake, and Councilman Gough's motion to establish polling places in both the North End and Spring Hill Lake. Be that as it may, the Members of Council have made it clear that they will support the designation of at least a polling place in Spring Hill Lake long before the next city election. Moreover, they have already taken steps to insure that there will be special registration days before the election at several locations in the city.

Will the announced intention to designate a polling place and the action to provide special registration days silence, or at least temper, adverse criticism of Council. With respect to reasonable people, such a hope may be entertained. With respect to others, they are far more interested in any issue that will offer them an opportunity to criticize Council fairly or unfairly.

Council is not above criticism, nor should it be. One might ask, however, that the intensity of criticism has a reasonable relationship to the seriousness of the alleged offense. One might ask, also, that the primary allegiance of critics be the cause they purport to serve.

Charles F. Schwan, Jr.

Ryan-Leibe

Mrs. Ann Ryan, of 2 Lakeside Drive, announces the engagement of her daughter, Kathleen, to Paul Leibe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Leibe of 4 G Ridge Road.

Miss Ryan is a student at the University of Maryland. Mr. Leibe is employed by the Greenbelt Police Department. The wedding will take place in June.

GHI Crew Praised

To the Editor:

Absence from the City last week prevented me from writing sooner, but I hope it is still not too late to use your columns to thank publicly the devoted crew of G.H.I. maintenance men who did the stupendous job on January 12 in getting us heat within 21 hours after the disastrous flood in the maintenance building on Plateau Place.

My windows overlook the maintenance building and I was an eyewitness to some of the hardest work I have seen in a long time. I do not see how they kept at it so long without rest.

My thanks certainly got to them and, I should think, the thanks of the residents of the other 243 units affected. Our thanks also go to management staff and Board members who took their Sunday to supervise, to keep us informed of progress, and who arranged for care of those who needed it.

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Most applicants, 217, specified they would enroll in the general studies curriculum, while the next largest group of applicants, 200, specified the arts and sciences program.

Business administration was chosen by 184 applicants, while 66 chose engineering, 60 chose data processing, and 45 secondary education.

Elementary education was selected by 36; physical education by 27; nursing, 26. business management, 22; accounting, 13; music, 11; international relations, 10; two-year secretarial, 9; one-year secretarial, 3.

Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 29 at 1 p.m. in the Youth Center. Following the business meeting two films will be shown, "America on the Edge of Abundance" and "Sweden". All senior citizens are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston, 4-B Crescent. William Koen arrived January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, 119 Northway, are very enthusiastic about the news that their second son Gene, who is now finishing his Doctorate at Cardiff, Wales, is getting married this month to Linda Wilson of that area. Gene and Linda were visitors here last summer. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will be represented at the wedding by their daughter Marilyn, who is currently attending Newport Art College in Wales.

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Federal Training Center Proposed for Beltsville

Congressman Larry Hogan (R) Md. has announced that the General Services Administration has submitted to the Congress a proposal for a Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to be located in Beltsville, Maryland. The estimated cost for the proposed facility is \$18,073,000.

The center will provide facilities for in-service training in law enforcement techniques for the following Federal agencies; the Department of Justice, (other than FBI) the Treasury Department, the Department of the Interior, the Post Office Department, the Department of State, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Zoological Park.

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Recreation Review

Men's Chess Tournament: The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a ladder type chess tournament during the coming month. All men who wish to register should contact the Recreation Department office.

Sunday Open Gym: The Greenbelt Recreation Department will extend the Open Gym program to Sunday afternoons. The gym will be open this Sunday and every Sunday between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m.

Greenbelt Concert Band to Perform: On Monday, January 27, at 8 p.m., the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform one of their musical programs. This evening of music, held at Center School, will include such well known tunes as "West Side Story," "Music to Watch Girls By" and "Simple Gifts." The public is invited.

Adult Programs Still Open for Registration: We are holding registration open for the following adult classes: Ballroom dance to be held on Tuesday evenings, and women's Karate to be held on a week-day evening. Call the recreation department at 474-6878 for further information.

Children's Classes With Open Registration: We still have openings in the following children's classes: Boys B-B gun program (to start Saturday, Jan. 25), Girls Charm Class. Call the recreation department to pre-register.

ADMISSION TESTS FOR P.G. COLLEGE

Students interested in full-time admission to the Prince Georges Community College next September should begin application procedures early and, if possible apply for the Scholastic Aptitude Test and English Composition Achievement test prior to the February 1 application deadline for the next testing session.

Forms for the college test, which is required of all full-time students at the college, can be obtained from high school guidance offices or the college admissions office, according to Robert C. Hardwick, director of admissions and registration at Prince George's Community College.

The application should be returned to the college board administration, and Prince George's Community College should be listed as one of the institutions to receive test results. The testing session will be held March 1. Although later opportunities to take the test will be available, Mr. Hardwick added, it is to the student's advantage to complete this part of his procedure as soon as possible.

Recent changes in the admissions policies of the University of Maryland which limit admission to students in the top fifty-percent of their high school graduating class, with an average of "C" or better, are expected to result in sizeable increases in the numbers of applicants to the community colleges, Mr. Hardwick said. This will be particularly true, he feels, in the transfer programs which remain the largest in numbers of students enrolled.

Although the community college does not anticipate any tightening of its own admissions policies, it is anticipated that the influx of new students may necessitate scheduling of less desirable hours.

At the present time Prince Georges Community College accepts all students who are graduates of accredited high schools or have equivalency certificates, but those with weak backgrounds or poor records may be restricted in the number of hours taken or required to complete certain remedial work.

TRAFFIC TIP

Carbon monoxide is a treacherous killer. To guard against it, make sure your garage doors are open before starting your car; check the exhaust system for carbon monoxide leaks; and—above all—always drive with one window at least partly open.

Parent Orientation Jan. 26 At Community College

While most colleges provide orientation sessions for their new students, Prince Georges Community College is one of the first to provide an orientation session for the people who are often just as concerned about a student's successful adjustment to college—his parents.

The orientation program for parents of students who will register for the first time this spring will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 26, in the Auditorium-Fine Arts Building.

Parents will be provided with information about the registration procedures, student services available, academic regulations of the college, academic programs, and financial information.

This orientation session is being offered because of the newness of the community college programs in the county with most Maryland community colleges only 12 years old or less.

In addition, many of the new students are the first generation in their families to attend college.

Library Loan System For Washington Area

All public libraries in metropolitan Washington will soon be linked through a joint lending arrangement giving citizens in any part of the region access to books in all public libraries in the area.

The arrangement is being developed through the Librarians' Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The system will be the first to link all libraries in an interstate area, only the second in any region and the first to be developed through a council of governments.

The cooperative system is expected to begin the week of April 20, National Library Week, according to Montgomery County Libraries' Director George B. Moreland. Moreland is chairman of a special planning subcommittee spearheading the project under Henry T. Drennan, Chairman of the Librarians Committee and Chief of Library Planning and Development for the U.S. Office of Education.

Moreland said a daily delivery service will be a key part of the system. "Under this arrangement," he explained, "a citizen asks his local library for a book; the library, if it doesn't have it, checks the book catalog of several large library systems or calls the Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries, which will coordinate the requests, to see where the book may be available. It is requested immediately and delivered the next day."

All eight public library systems in metropolitan Washington will participate. The National Library of Medicine in Bethesda will participate, as will the libraries of the Consortium of Universities, representing Georgetown, Howard, George Washington, American and Catholic Universities. Thus the project will make both public library services and book resources available to all the citizens of the region.

Another innovation enabling area citizens to use their local library cards in every public library in the region is now being considered by the COG committee.

The Librarians' Committee was established in 1966 to assist in coordinating area library services and capabilities.

The Council of Governments is the regional organization of the area's 15 major local governments and their officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives.

It works toward solutions to such regional problems as crime, transportation, air and water pollution and water supply. COG is also the regional planning organization for metropolitan Washington.

IRS Urges Use of Preaddressed Form

Taxpayers who received a 1968 Form 1040A or a Form 1040 with a preaddressed label on it are urged to file that form if it fits their needs and they are eligible to use it.

Mr. Irving Machiz, District Director of Internal Revenue for Maryland and the District of Columbia, said today that substantial savings will be realized if the form provided is used because fewer key-punch operations are necessary to process the return. "It also helps us utilize the full capabilities for which the Automatic Data Processing system was designed," he said.

If your name or address has changed, make the necessary corrections and strike through lightly the preprinted information. If you have a refund due, this will help insure delivery of the check to the correct address.

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